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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following document be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,909,479

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA was identified and discussed at page 1 of the present specification, and Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of that reference.

A copy of Reference AA together with Form 1449 is submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application

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This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of Reference AA. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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